(b) whether public sector companies feel that DAVP has centralized operation in Delhi whereas public sector companies have decentralized their publicity initiatives;

(c) if so, whether is it proposed to review the order suitably;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (e) The Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP) is the nodal agency for multi media publicity of the policies, programmes and achievements of the Central Government Ministries/Departments including Public Sector Undertakings.

The Standing Committee on Information Technology in their report on 'working of DAVP' had expressed concern over the violation of instructions regarding routing of advertisements through DAVP and had laid stress on monitoring violation. Accordingly, all Ministries/Departments including PSUs and Autonomous Bodies were asked to route their publicity work through DAVP.

In response a number of PSUs are routing their advertisements through DAVP. Though the release of advertisements is centralized yet a number of organisations located outside Delhi have been using the services of DAVP without any difficulty. There is no proposal to review the procedure relating to routing of advertisement through DAVP, as on date.

Pending cases in courts and recruitment of judges

1434. SHRI DARA SINGH:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of cases are piling up in various High courts of the country;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor indicating the number of pending cases during the last three years, till date, State-wise;

(c) whether Chief Justice of India has urged Government to introduce a new system of recruitment of Judges by holding an entrance test to fill up the large number of such vacancies, on the model of the civil services examination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details showing High court wise pendency in High Courts are enclosed in statement I to III (*See* below). The main reasons leading to accumulation of arrears are population and litigation explosion, frequent adjournments, delay in disposal of old cases, delays in filling up of vacancies.

(c) No such proposal has been received in so far as High Court/Supreme Court is concerned.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Pendency Position in High Courts

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	As on	Civil Cases	Criminal Cases	Total
1.	Allahabad	30.6.05	551630	187151	738781
2.	A.P.	30.6.05	137666	17479	155145
3.	Bombay	30.6.05	296888	49054	345942
4.	Calcutta	31.12.04	212448	40270	252718
5.	Delhi	30.6.05	64302	12913	77215
6.	Gujarat	31.12.04	113505	25962	139467
7.	Gauhati	30.6.05	51531	7061	58592
8.	H.P.	30.6.05	18160	5918	24078
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	30.6.05	41022	2729	43751
10.	Karnataka	30.6.05	75948	11176	87124
11.	Kerala	30.6.05	116088	22824	138912
12.	Madras	30.6.05	272494	16871	289365
13.	M.P.	30.6.05	141475	60427	201902
14.	Orissa	30.6.05	176708	16854	193562
15.	Patna	30.6.05	69012	24784	93796

1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Punjab & Haryana	30.6.05	195321	43293	238614
17.	Rajasthan	30.6.05	154314	44930	199244
18.	Sikkim	30.6.05	70	8	78
19.	Uttaranchal	30.6.05	30446	6548	36994
20.	Chattisgarh	30.6.05	45752	22855	68607
21.	Jharkhand	30.6.05	23199	17432	40631
	TOTAL:		2787979	636539	3424518

Statement-II

Pendency Position in High Courts as on 31-12-2004

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Civil Cases	Criminal Cases	Total
1.	Allahabad	544655	175993	720648
2.	A.P.	164915	17226	182141
3.	Bombay	288454	37330	325784
4.	Calcutta	212448	40270	252718
5.	Delhi	60353	10772	71125
6.	Gujarat	113505	25962	139467
7.	Gauhati	50442	6939	57381
8.	H.P.	17939	5600	23539
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	42417	2435	44852
10.	Karnataka	118899	10754	129653
11.	Kerala	113652	21752	135404
12.	Madras	275730	23029	298759
13.	M.P.	141785	59133	200918
14.	Orissa	91996	14553	106549
15.	Patna	63290	21658	84948
16.	Punjab & Haryana	218457	46845	265302

1	2	3	4	5
17.	Rajasthan	146447	57901	204348
18.	Sikkim	50	5	55
19.	Uttaranchal	29850	6048	35898
20.	Chattisgarh	42158	21574	63732
21.	Jharkhand	20865	14947	35812
	TOTAL:	2758307	620726	3379033

Statement-III

Pendency Position in High Courts as on 31.12.03

Sl. No.	High Court	Case Type	Pendency at the end
1.	Allahabad	Civil	547971
		Criminal	166175
2.	A.P.	Civil	130069
		Criminal	13802
3.	Bombay	Civil	282981
		Criminal	32178
4.	Calcutta	Civil	191270
		Criminal	50073
5.	Delhi	Civil	50741
		Criminal	9245
6.	Gujarat	Civil	112623
		Criminal	21930
7.	Gauhati	Civil	50009
		Criminal	6694
8.	H.P.	Civil	16526
		Criminal	4894
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Civil	128695
		Criminal	39483
10.	Karnataka	Civil	105693
		Criminal	108812

1	2	3	4
11.	Kerala	Civil	108812
		Criminal	18515
12.	Madras	Civil	224105
		Criminal	15208
13.	M.P.	Civil	132975
		Criminal	53567
14.	Orissa	Civil	86540
		Criminal	11872
15.	Patna	Civil	60957
		Criminal	30065
16.	Punjab & Haryana	Civil	206131
		Criminal	43492
17.	Rajasthan	Civil	128693
		Criminal	39483
18.	Sikkim	Civil	37
		Criminal	20
19.	Uttaranchal	Civil	30048
		Criminal	5652
20.	Chattisgarh	Civil	32987
		Criminal	18809
21.	Jharkhand	Civil	11134
		Criminal	10553
	TOTAL:		3239295

Registration of marriages

1435. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to introduce legislation for registration of marriages in the country;

(b) if so, whether the issue of divorce will also be included in the legislation;